(c) whether admission to these hostels is based on communal or caste distinction ?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

(a) Five, viz., the Hindu Hostel (Boys and Girls), the Christian Hostel, the Tiyya Boys' Hostel, the Tiyya Girls' Hostel and the Muslim Hostel.

(b) Vide answer to question No. 85.

(c) Caste-Hindus are admitted into the Hindu Hostel, Tiyyas in the Tiyya Hostel, and Muhammadans in the Muslim Hostel as the names represent.

The Toll rate at Varandarappalli.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

87. (a) Why is the toll rate at Varandarappalli fixed at 8 annas per cart?

(b) Is there such high rate at any other toll in the Cochin State or anywhere else ?

(c) What is the reason for this exceptionally high rate at Varandarappalli alone ?

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

(a) The enhanced rate of 8 annas was fixed with a view to cover the heavy expenditure incurred for the up-keep of the road. The road is likely to be damaged considerably by the transport of heavy articles, such as timber, fuel, tiles, laterite, etc., stones, iron materials, rubber chests, etc.

(b) The same rate of toll, viz., 8 annas is being levied for timber and other heavy traffic at all the other toll-gates also during monsoon months.

(c) This is the only toll-gate in the State in which toll is levied for a part of the year only.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

May I know, Sir, why toll is levied for only a part of the year ?

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

The conditions of that road we have taken into consideration, and that is why we have only levied toll for a part of the year, since we have rubber traffic only in summer.

Increase of pay to the Village Officers.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

88. Have the village officers submitted to the Diwan an application regarding increment of pay, etc., in Karkadagam

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1096? What action was taken on the same? Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the connected file of papers?

RAO SAHIB T. V KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

An application addressed to the Diwan Peishkar in Karkadagam 1096 regarding increment of pay, etc., was received by the Diwan from the former officer. The result of the action taken on the application is contained in the Diwan's Proceedings C. No. 246/1098, dated 10th August 1923, Revenue Department (Land Revenue), a copy of which is appended (*vide Appendix III*). Government do not consider that any public interest will be served by laying on the table the papers asked for, and hence decline to comply with the request made.

Land Revenue payable by different communities.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

89. Will the Government be pleased to state on the basis of Land Revenue pattahs as they stood on the last day of Karkadagam 1100 the amount of Land Revenue payable to the Sirkar by each of the following communities in each taluk of the State:—

(a) i. Nambudiripads, ii. Nambudiries,
(b) Tamil Brahmins,
(c) Kshathriyas,
(d) Nampidies,
(e) Elayad,
(f) Muthad,
(g) i. Wariars, ii. Pisharodies, iii. Putuvals,
(h) Nayars,
(i) Christians,
(j) Muhammadans,
(k) Jews,
(l) Ezhuvas,
(m) Konkani Brahmins,
(n) Gounders,
(o) Others including those not brought under (a) to (l) and (o) to (s),
(p) Devaswams,
(q) Mutts and Sabha Madhoms,
(r) Churches,
(s) Mosques,
(t) Synagogues?

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

Government are unable to furnish the information, as it has to be gathered by analysing the chittas, which will take a long time.

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APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No 85.)

Hostels.	The average net annual expenditure.	Remarks.
i. The Hindu Hostel	Rs. 139	As the Warden's allowance was stopped, since the raising of the College into First Grade, the Government will not have to spend anything for the Hindu Hostel in future, and only a sum of Rs. 183 for the Christian Hostel.
ii. The Christian Hostel	423	
iii. The Tiyya Boys' Hostel	242	
iv. The Tiyya Girls'Hostel	387	
v. The Muslim Hostel	130	

APPENDIX III.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 88.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Revenue Department.

(Land Revenue).

Read again the Diwan Peishkar's S. C. No. 1849 of 96, dated 6th August 1921.

Also the subsequent correspondence ending with the Sarvadhikariakar's communication A. No. 1070 of 98, dated 1st August 1923.

Order R. O. C. No. 246 of 98, dated 10th August 1923.

Towards the close of 1096 the village officers submitted two memorials to Government through the Diwan Peishkar asking for an increase of pay. The Diwan Peishkar in forwarding the memorials recommended that the request of the memorialists might be favourably considered, and subsequently made certain specific proposals in the matter.

2. Government have carefully considered the proposals made by the Diwan Peishkar, and have come to the conclusion that no case has been made out to grant any increase of pay to the village officers. The rates of pay sanctioned to these officers are already twice or thrice that prevailing in British India, and Government consider that the clamour for increase is due to the wrong selection made of persons appointed both as Parvatiakarans and Menons. In future only men of wealth and influence in the locality, as laid down in the *Land Revenue Manual*, should be appointed village officers. The question of age limit on first appointment and retirement or of pensions referred to in Articles 28, 201 and 202 of the C. S. R. will cease to be applicable to them. Government trust that under this new system the appointments will become practically hereditary and that respectable men will be forthcoming to do the duties of Parvatiakarans to be kept on until they are unfit to carry on the work.

3. The position of the Parvatiakarans of Ernakulam, Trichur, Mattancheri and Cheruvirutti is however peculiar. The duties in their case are multifarious and complicated. The Parvatiams in the first three towns will therefore be given a local allowance of Rs. 5 each and in the fourth Rs. 3 per mensem.

(True extract)

(Signed)
Secretary to the Diwan.

To
The Diwan Peishkar,
" Comptroller of Accounts.

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